

Application Serial No.: 09/974,519

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-16, for prosecution at this time, along with the above noted species upon which to begin a search.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

Deposit Account

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

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